

## **Public Outreach and Consultation to Forest Management Projects Proposed February 2016**

Three public meetings were held in March of 2016 to present information, receive and address comments to the 3 forest management projects proposed. The meetings were held March 29, 30 and 31, 2016 at the DCR Western Regional Headquarters in Pittsfield, the Trustees of the Reservations in Leominster, and the Amherst Field Office in Amherst respectively.

The transcripts of those meetings can be accessed by linking [here](#).

Written comments were requested and received from February 26, 2016 until April 10, 2016. Each of the individual and corporate comments that were received can be seen by linking [here](#).

The Department of Conservation and Recreation, Bureau of Forestry (BOF) reviewed the comments and per policy has prepared a written response. The BOF response addresses those comments that were pertinent to the eight proposed forest management projects and also pertinent general comments regarding forestry on state lands where the BOF has forest management responsibilities. Many comments made by individuals or groups were similar to one another and were therefore consolidated in categories with an appropriate response.

The responses are organized by general categorized comments/responses followed by comments/responses to the specific project proposals. The responses to comments can be seen by linking [here](#).